

**Tree Planting Committee**  
**Site Visit - South Brookline Transfer Station**  
**DRAFT Minutes – April 10, 2013, 4 p.m.**

Attending: Hugh Mattison (Chair), Phil Shabecoff, Nadine Gerdts, Tom Brady (Staff)

**Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes from the February 20, 2013, were reviewed and were unanimously accepted.

**Staff Update:**

**Spring 2013 Planting** - Tom reported that almost 300 trees have been delivered. He will send a list of the proposed species for every location.

Hugh reviewed a list of requests he has received:

334 Washington Street - will be replaced.

20 Claflin Road – water line may prevent replacement.

27-31 James Street – utilities will prevent replacement. Three trees were recently planted nearby.

28 James Street – replacement may be possible.

2 Brookline Place – possible construction will preclude planting now.

11 Hart Street – will be reviewed.

83 Beals Street (JFK Birthplace) – replace asphalt paving. Tom will take a look.

Washington Street (Olmsted Crossing) – plan has been presented for trees in narrow median. The consensus of the TPC was that trees should be planted on each side of the street, rather than the median where road salt and inadequate space will likely jeopardize new trees.

Griggs Road – a Catalpa will be replaced with a different species.

187 Walnut Street – Tom will review for adding another tree.

17 & 29 Toxteth Street, 79 & 83 Brook Street – Nadine will review.

11 Milton Road (Back-of-sidewalk) – a large tree was recently removed. Tom will review, and if a new planting is feasible, Hugh will notify the owner that the stump must first be ground down.

64 Franklin Street (Back-of-sidewalk) – Tom will review for a flowering tree.



Tree Warden Tom Brady and TPC view Tree "Nursery" at Transfer Station in South Brookline.

Tom proceeded to show the tree "nursery" to the TPC, providing commentary along the way. Armstrong Maples are upright and are a possibility for Hart Street and for 83 Park Street (back-of-sidewalk request). Columnar Sweetgums can be used along MBTA tracks. Planting will start in about two weeks. Trees are irrigated by water lines from above. Trees (about 33 species) viewed were Honeylocusts, Amelanchiers, Zelcova, Flowering and Kousa Dogwoods, Kwansan Cherry, Okame Cherry, Sugar Maples, Redbuds, Hornbeams, Crabapples, Ginkgo, Willows for Brookline Reservoir and Larz Anderson Park, and Beeches for Walnut Hills Cemetery. A date for planting Willows at the Reservoir needs to be set.

Tom explained that 10-12 trees per day can be planted.

Nadine suggested that abutters be provided watering instructions. Tom pointed out that seasonal laborers are used to water trees. Three Elms are planned for the Town Green (Walnut/Warren intersection).

## **Minutes – April 10, 2013, 4 p.m. (Continued)**

The Beech at Longwood Mall will be removed in early May. On Thursday, June 6, the Town will host the Tree City USA event at Wheelock College.

Tom will send a list of locations for the Spring Planting for the TPC to review.

### **Other Business:**

In response to Nadine's previous request, Hugh gave 2 maps printed by Brookline GIS Department to Nadine showing North and South Brookline street trees.

Adjourned at 4:40 pm

Prepared and submitted by:

Hugh Mattison

April 27, 2013

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